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Place Names

By KEN MCLEOD

The history of any community is locked up in the place names given to the various geographical features of its countryside. Here in the Klamath Basin we have the need of making a correlation of such names and their history. To some extent we can depend upon the book "Oregon Geographic Names" by Lewis A. McArthur, which while containing a world of information regarding the names of the state of Oregon still leaves much work to be done in our particular region. With the death of McArthur this particular phase of history has become more or less static until some new historian takes up the task.

From time to time this column will carry the stories behind the place names of the Klamath Basin and we welcome any suggestions or corrections that can be made to our knowledge of these points of interest.

As a matter of interest let us look at the "A" series of names as they occur in McArthur's book as applied to Klamath County, they are:

"Agency Hill; Agency Lake; Algoma; Altamont; Anderson Spring (Crater Lake); Annie Creek; Applegate Butte; Applegate Peak; Arant Point (Crater Lake); Aspen Lake"—and that is it. You can see that we do need to take some active interest in the names of our country so that when questions are asked an intelligent answer can be given as to their origin. I am sure that without much thought any resident in Klamath County could give a much longer list of place names beginning with the letter "A" than is to be found in McArthur's work and this column would welcome suggestions so that that information may be printed here and thus become a source of information that may be saved by all who are interested.

The scope of the Klamath Basin is much greater than just Klamath County and so in the pursuit of our elusive game, our hunting territory will reach outward to all the points that have a bearing upon the historical development of this particular area.

McArthur has written an interesting analysis of the origin of names as they apply to Oregon, but the same is true for all the Pacific Coast.

"The origin of geographic names in Oregon may be traced roughly to six periods in the history of the state, and in most instances the names themselves indicate approximately the epoch in which they were applied. The six periods may be described as follows:

"First—The period of aboriginal Indian life, which is reflected in Oregon by the existence of a considerable number of Indian place names, some of which were applied by Indians themselves, and some later on by whites.

"Second—The period of exploration by sea along the Oregon coast, with resulting names strongly Spanish in flavor with an English admixture.

"Third—The period of overland exploration, extending into the era of the fur trade, the application of French, Indian, and additional names of English and American origin.

"Fourth—The pioneer period, resulting in the application of a large number of eastern place names to Oregon communities, generally for sentimental reasons, and also resulting in the use of many pioneer family names for Oregon features, particularly for streams and mountains.

"Fifth—The Indian wars and the mining periods, resulting in the application of the names of soldiers and also of the picturesque nomenclature that always follows the early pursuit of gold.

"Sixth—The modern period of made up names, real estate phraseology, and the occasional praiseworthy effort to apply a suitable historical or Indian name to something that bears an unsatisfactory title."

Though McArthur spent years in the pursuit of names he stated that even with his compilation, an exhaustive analysis of the origin of Oregon names would be premature since he recognized the fact that his material was exceedingly sketchy. He went on to state: "There are probably 50,000 geographic features in Oregon sufficiently important to be distinguished by names. At least half of these features deserve but minor consideration. For the most part they bear simple descriptive names with no historical background. There are innumerable Dry, Alkali and Fish creeks, and Bald, Rocky and Huckleberry mountains. The remaining 25,000 names of Oregon geographic features are worthy of serious study." McArthur has information on about 3,400 headings in his book, and these headings cover approximately 5,000 features, or as he estimated, about one-fifth of the more important names of the state.

This column will welcome information upon any name no matter how common it may sound as it would indeed be interesting to know just how many Willow Creeks or Rock Creeks we do have within our territory.

White Patches

By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M.D.

Several correspondents have inquired regarding white patches on the tongue and inside of the mouth which is a condition known as leukoplakia. In replying to these, without quoting any one of the questions specifically, I should like to emphasize that this is a condition which should not be neglected since these patches can become cancerous.

Not all of them do develop into cancer, of course, but they should be kept under observation and an effort should be made to cure them. A person with leukoplakia of the mouth should avoid smoking or chewing tobacco altogether and permanently.

Such a person should avoid alcoholic beverages, highly seasoned foods, and placing anything in the mouth which is irritating.

In some cases local treatment, addition of vitamin A to the diet, or other measures may also be indicated. Under certain circumstances, surgery or perhaps the use of radium is advisable, but, of course, this or any other measure should be used only under expert professional advice.

The important point about leukoplakia is, I think, that this is not a simple condition which will cure itself.

Q—I am almost 18 years old and, as yet, my breasts have barely begun to develop. Is there anything that could be done about this?

A—In all probability it would be best to do nothing. The bust develops earlier in some girls than in others and a larger size in some than in others. Generally speaking, it is wise not to interfere with nature's plans, and since you are not yet 18 the chances are you can count on further development as time goes on.

Please tell me if either liquor or tobacco could poison a man and keep on increasing the harm for three years after both habits are completely stopped.

H.N.

A—I suppose it is possible that permanent harm could have been caused by too much alcoholic beverages or possibly even tobacco over a long period of time. Ordinarily, however, one would suspect that the harmful effects would lessen after the habits had been discontinued and not get worse.

Q—Will vinegar kill tuberculosis germs?

A—Assuming that you mean vinegar taken by mouth and its effect on tuberculosis germs in the body tissues, the answer is "No." I suppose that a culture of tubercle bacilli placed in a strong solution of vinegar for a long enough time would eventually die, but I am reasonably certain this is not what you mean.

Q—Could cancer or polio come from what is put in bread to keep it fresh longer?

A—The finger of suspicion has not been pointed at such substances either as a possible cause of cancer or polio.

Q—Do you think cabbage juice has any value for stomach ulcers?

Mrs. S.

A—I do not think so—or at least that it is in any sense a substitute for more conventional methods of treating peptic ulcer.

Doing It Yourself

By FRANK TRIPP

For the do-it-yourself fans: From a long-time Mr. Fixit who has had to dig himself out of some pretty tight places. Doing it yourself is profitable and fun if you don't bite off more than you can chew.

It all looks easy on paper and basically it usually is. The joker is that so many energetic people can't pick the right size screw, one out of three whacks; and a wrench in their hands is a lethal weapon.

Even fellows with a shop full of tools and a considerable amount of know-how can be stumped by the experts.

The suspicion persists that the instructions sometimes come from one of two impossible sources: either from a super craftsman who assumes too much skill among novices, or from a copy writer who knows no more about it than those he aims to instruct. They don't tell enough about the make ready.

Neither can teach beginners the proper use of tools. Only experience can do that. The only handyman around the house to whom it is safe to entrust more than a screwdriver is the one who knows what he can't do, and won't try it; particularly around electricity and plumbing.

A wind-up fixer will read instructions, looking for unexplained hazards that might scuttle him. He'll steer shy of what he might botch beyond all fixing.

Many a time Fanny has chided me for refusing to undertake some touting enterprise that looked like duck soup to her. "Sure, just because you're not interested," she'll say.

The real reason would be that somewhere in the glib talk that she fell for was the catch that nothing but experience can teach a hobbyist how to find.

Every handyman has learned this lesson. As he reads of the ease of accomplishment he looks for the pitfalls. If a joker is there his experience reveals it; something that he knows he cannot do in a workmanlike manner, perhaps not at all. Often it doesn't matter; sometimes it's mighty important.

The Mr. Fixits are a sort of fraternity. They talk of their shops and their projects as golfers talk of golf and anglers of fishing.

I couldn't guess how many stories I've heard of neighbors who have brought them things to be assembled and trick gadgets that wouldn't work by people who vowed they had been windied.

When all that was wrong was big screws in little places, parts ruined by misuse of tools, stripped threads, broken pieces, too much hurry.

Handymen too have been the fall guys; invariably through neglect of some important detail omitted in preparation for the job. Preparation is half of any project. They have learned to look well behind the most complete instructions for something not there.

My prize experience was just such an omission prior to the installation of a rollaway garage door. Though major in a way, it

Nomination

By BRUCE BOSSAT

Adlai Stevenson of Illinois, now an avowed candidate for the presidency in 1956, is the man to beat in the Democratic party and everybody knows it.

Historically, it is highly significant that he should occupy this prominent position. Not too many defeated candidates for the office get that kind of acceptance from their party.

William Jennings Bryan was the great exception, winning the Democratic nomination three times though never the presidency. Thomas E. Dewey also had to come from behind to grab a second nomination in 1948. Wendell Willkie, though enjoying high national prestige after his 1940 licking, was undercut by party regulars in 1944.

This does not mean Stevenson is now a walk-in for the 1956 nomination. It is interesting to observe how many party leaders have changed their tune since 1953 and 1954. Then they spoke as if Stevenson could have the nomination on a platter.

One learns not to take this preliminary comment too seriously,

How To Carve

By H. D. QUIGG

United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK (UPI)—How to carve a Thanksgiving turkey—or, no matter how you slice it, you always get the bird.

Here are 10 simple rules:

1. Be prepared. Pick a quarrel with your wife Thanksgiving morning. Consider you don't have the proper carving knives. Nine times out of ten, she'll end up by carving it herself.
2. Be ingenious. Invite a guest who's a marvelous carver and at the last minute defer to his scalpel. You'll have to get your invitation to him around July, because all the other husbands in the neighborhood will be bidding for him, too.
3. Don't sting. Get an adequately large turkey—preferably one of 85 to 100 pounds. Such a carcass is much easier to carve steaks from. Also, you can have turkey hash for a month afterwards.
4. Be different. Use what has come to be called the Ephraim Woolsey method. In 1794 Ephraim Woolsey brought a meat grinder to the Thanksgiving table. He ran the turkey through it and served the advantage not only of simplicity but of impartiality—there's no bickering over servings of light and dark meat.
5. Keep some simple facts of anatomy in mind while carving. The anklebone's connected to the thighbone; the thighbone's connected to the wishbone; the wishbone's connected to the trampoline; the rollin' bone's connected to the kingly; the gizzard's dew-peared; the heart's in the highlands; take a sharp knife and begin around the coxial, second to the right and straight on until morning.
6. Follow a simple rule of thumb. Keep your left one off the turkey. A fool and his left thumb are soon separated.
7. Keep your guests happy. Invite known sadists. They'll be in heaven watching your misery.
8. Alternatively, invite a drunk. He'll divert attention from the carving.
9. Invite a surgeon. Let him carve. The clatter of feeble jokes revolving around him and his choler will reduce the gluttony of your guests.
10. Use a homemade carve-it-yourself kit. This includes a knife, a water pistol, and a clean white sock (ankle length will do if you haven't got a full length sock around). When the food is brought in, fill the sock with alternate layers of dressing and cranberry sauce; tie the end tightly. Fill the pistol with gravy. Begin carving.

When your aunt Emma demands faster service, give her a jet of gravy in the eye. When your cousin Willie snickers at your efforts, backhand him with the sock across the kisser. This will give you confidence.

Astrology

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—Astrology has reached its peak at last.

It has gone feline. They now have a book out on how your cat, too, is controlled by the stars.

The book is called "Horsescopes for Pussy Cats," and the author is Bootsie Campbell.

A note about the author says: "At the moment she is stretched out on a sunny window, still curled

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was the easiest looking handyman job that I ever botched.

Everything came by freight, just like the man said, to make an eight-foot-wide disappearing door. I got it preassembled, as was promised in a couple of hours.

Being too heavy to handle alone, I called in Will Gardner, genuine carpenter and mechanic next door, to help me hang it during his lunch hour.

Well, Will was there two days, both of us working like beavers, before we got the door working. And it wasn't the door's fault.

Before ordering I had measured the door opening correctly but failed to test it for squareness. I knew better and had I done so I never would have bought the door. The garage had sagged on one side. The opening was out of plumb, the corner angles not square. The door was square and wouldn't work otherwise.

We had to tear out the big door frame, square and rebuild it, and put in a new threshold—which cost more than the bargain door.

That's what I mean about looking behind instructions and being prepared for the job.

Don't be discouraged; every time you'll learn a little. Doing it yourself will make you more self-reliant, more contented—and proud.

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around, contented and delighted with everything and everyone! She is very special."

What makes her so special? A publisher friend of mine says this would describe any author he has ever known.

I am glad to see this book on astrology for cat published.

For years I suffered from an allergy to cats, which, happily, I was able to conquer. For many more years, however, I have suffered from an allergy to people who believe in astrology. This allergy, fight it though I try, I can do nothing about.

Even the dictionary defines astrology as a "pseudoscience," and the dictionary usually has a nice word for everything. The idea that people actually believe events on earth are controlled by the position of the stars and planets thoroughly depresses me with the future of the human race.

When I see a man who attends church, buys an astrology magazine, I can't help wondering why he is trying to make a fool of his God or himself.

People who believe in astrology I cannot help but classify with those who have a blind confidence that picking up a toad will give them warts and that if they water a horse's hair in a bottle of water for six weeks it will turn into a snake.

Recently I picked up a Cleveland paper and was astounded to find it estimated that 50,000 people in the area read astrology publications regularly. For days I pondered what to do to save them from themselves. Is there no philanthropic society willing to float propaganda balloons into Cleveland and tell these lost 50,000 in the outside world?

Paganism is at least worth philosophic consideration, but astrology?—never!

For humans, that is. A cat shouldn't find it too hard to believe in astrology. After all, a cat doesn't believe in people, so it has to believe in something.

The volume at hand, "Horsescopes for Pussy Cats," offers this sound warning to cats born under the sign of Aries, from March 21 to April 19:

You are susceptible to headaches and weakness of the kidneys. Don't eat a much "zip" or you may suffer from a long-over. Take more milk."

Perhaps this is a hidden warning to the 50,000 astrology fans in Cleveland. Who knows?

Once you believe in astrology what can you be sure of?

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no matter how enthusiastic. Certainly it is a pretty good index of a man's general status in the party. But it is not "delegate" talk.

As the time for lining up delegates draws near, the leaders are promising a view change from an easy going out of fulsome praise to practical political trading. Those who think they have something to gain by bargaining stop acting as if they were ready to give away their delegates for nothing.

Recent developments in the South offer illustration. Both Stevenson and his friend Stephen Mitchell, former Democratic national chairman, labored hard in the southern vineyards to rebuild party strength after President Eisenhower's heavy 1952 inroads. They felt thereby they had greatly advanced Stevenson's own cause for 1956.

Very likely they have. But they got a surprise when Sen. Richard Russell of Georgia not long ago mentioned Ohio's Democratic Gov. Frank Lausche as a good prospect for 1956.

Though Lausche no doubt would have a considerable appeal to southern conservatives, he was not being seriously advanced as a nominee. It was Russell's way of reminding Stevenson and any other northern candidates that the South will not deliver its support for the asking. It will want to know what the party proposes to do platform-wise and perhaps on the vice-presidential nomination—to give the South recognition commensurate with its strength both in the convention and at the polls.

This is the standard political pattern of the months leading to the convention. The days of glib talk for Adlai talk are gone.

Stevenson is in fact powerfully placed to get the nomination again. But he clearly will have to trade for it and fight for it. The prize is too big to be given away often by politicians who are trained to exact their "quid pro quo" in return for favors extended. If he doesn't already know them, Stevenson is now learning the hard facts of political life.



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